

PROPOSED FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN SRA

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Moderate
High
Very High

FIRE PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY

Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)
Local Responsibility Area (LRA) - Unincorporated
Local Responsibility Area (LRA) - Incorporated

Public Resources Code 4201-4204 direct the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to map fire hazard within State Responsibility Areas (SRA), based on relevant factors such as fuels, terrain, and weather. These statutes were passed after significant wildland-urban interface fires; consequently these hazards are described according to their potential for causing ignitions to buildings. These zones, referred to as Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ), provide the basis for application of various mitigation strategies to reduce risks to buildings associated with wildland fires. The zones also relate to the requirements for building codes designed to reduce the ignition potential to buildings in the wildland-urban interface zones.

These maps have been created by CAL FIRE's Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) using data and models describing development patterns, potential fuels over a 30-50 year time horizon, and expected burn probabilities to quantify the likelihood and nature of vegetation fire exposure to new construction. Details on the project and specific modeling methodology can be found at: <http://frap.cdf.ca.gov/projects/hazard/methods.htm>.

The version of the map shown here represents the official "Maps of Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the State Responsibility Area of California" as required by PRC 4201-4204 and entitled in the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 1280, Fire Hazard Severity Zones. They are provided for county SRA hearings, public comment, and adoption by the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection per the above state statutes.

An interactive system for viewing map data is hosted by the UC Center for Fire at: <http://firecenter.berkeley.edu/fhsz/>

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